

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Status

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service responding to the spill: 358.

Additional resources were committed to Grand Isle, La., Friday, resulting in a steady stream of birds rescued, despite thunderstorms.

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries reported that as of Friday, 78% of all bird sightings have resulted in rescue. Bird rehab facilities are having a problem with this oil, however, having to use additional solvents to clean birds, resulting in greater handling times.

Tar balls continue to be reported as far east as Fort Pickens in Pensacola, Fla.

Beached bird surveys continue in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Colonial waterbird reconnaissance surveys were conducted in the Passe a'Loutre and Grand Isle areas in Louisiana.

Shoreline monitoring for nesting sea turtles and tar balls/oil and pre-spill planning continues in Texas.

By the Numbers:

Total personnel responding: More than 20,000

National Guard troops authorized to respond: 17,500

Vessels responding: More than 1,900

Boom deployed (containment and sorbent): More than 814 miles

Boom available: Approximately 539 miles

Oil-water mix recovered: Approximately 15 million gallons

Total dispersant deployed: Approximately 1.02 million

Controlled burns: 125, removing more than 3.2 million gallons of oil